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(C) Pol/Econ Chief June 7 delivered reftel demarche concerning the USG message on Muqtada Al Sadr outreach to MFA Assistant Under Secretary for Coordination and Follow Up Shaikh Abdul Aziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa. Shaikh Abdul Aziz said he was not aware of any planned visit to Bahrain by a senior Al Sadr advisor. Al Sadr, he said, "is not our kind of guy," contrasting him with Abdul Aziz Al Hakim, who visited Bahrain earlier. If an Al Sadr representative came to Bahrain, the GOB would deliver a strong message on the need to stop the violence and promote reconciliation.

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